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SUBJECT: TWO IMPORTANT DRUG SEIZURES DURING OPERATION FUNNEL

REF: LIMA 8417, LIMA 7879

1. I WANT TO BRING TO YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION TWO SUCCESSFUL ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF OPERATION FUNNEL. ON SEPT. 14, AS REPORTED IN LIMA 8417, PIP OPERATION FUNNEL TEAMS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 212 KILOGRAMSOF COCAINE PASTE AND ARRESTED SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS. THIS SEIZURE IS LARTE IN COMPARISON WITH THE NORMAL SIZE OF SEIZURE AND RUNS CLOSE TO 20 PERCENT OF LAST YEAR'S ENTIRE HAUL. THE SEIZURE IS A BOOST

NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF OPERATION FUNNEL AND ITS SUCCESS, BUT PARTICU-LARLY TO THE MORALE OF THE PIP/DINTID. AND THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO DUPLICATE OPERATION FUNNEL EFFORTS IN FUTURE.

2. ALSO OF INTEREST IS THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION OF 30 KILOGRAMS OF PASTE SEIZED IN CHOSICA, WHICH HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO A LOCAL TERRORIST GROUP. THE SEIZURE HAS BEEN GIVEN WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY IN LIMA'S PRESS. WITH REFERENCE TO LIMA 7879, THE CASE MAY ADD ADDITIONAL FUEL TO A GROWING GOP CONCERN THAT TERROR-ISTS ARE USING PROCEEDS FROM DRUG TRAFFICKING TO STORE UP WEAPONS AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THEIR ADHERENTS. **DEAN**

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